

REMARKS

The Applicant would like to add the following two claims, two independent claims and one dependent claim and add a term for clarifying the current language on the existing matter in the Specification for this Supplemental Amendment to the Office Action dated 08/28/2006.

The Applicant presents the term "slideably" to verbally describe what is apparent in the drawings of the Invention, specifically to the intonation module 13 that includes the macro-tuner invention seen in Fig. 3. The Applicant submits that this term introduces no new matter but simply depends from the figures and discussion with the Summary of the Invention and the Detailed Description of the Invention.

Page 7, lines 21-27:

"It is a further object of the invention to provide the intonation modules with macro-tuners integrated with a string anchoring means, known to those skilled in the art as a tailpiece and a separate string holder element... and an adjustment bolt threadedly engaged with the string holder element for positioning the string holder element relative to the second critical point for macro-tuning. "

Page 7, lines 27-29:

The string holder element ... is disposed within the intonation module structure.

Page 8, lines 1-2:

"By threading the adjustment bolt, the string tensioning element is displaced".

The string holder element is "displaced" within "a sleeve-like portion of the intonation module structure", (page 8, line 7).

Figure 3. shows that string holder element 22 is positioned within enlarged recess 23 of

shaped barrel-like base 10 and is threadedly connected to adjustment bolt 18.

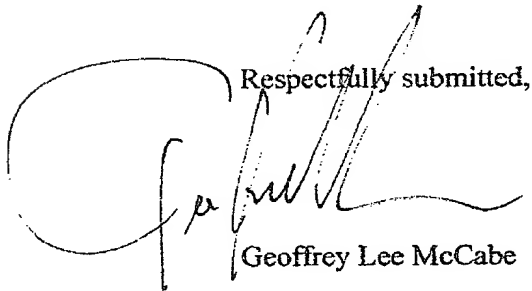
Accordingly, to any one skilled in mechanical understanding in general, or the relative art at the time of the Application in particular, the displacement of the string holder element "disposed" within the intonation module structure for macro-tuning can only be achieved by the string holder being slideably positioned.

REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance for pending claims 94-99 and 104-126.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims 94-99 and 104-126 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned applicant before issuing a subsequent Action.

 Respectfully submitted,  
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